(b) what steps Government are contemplating for the speedy disposal f *i* pending eases in Andhra Pradesh High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Year-wise information in respect of Andhra Pradesh High Court is as follows:

Year	institution	Disposal December	Pendency as on 31st of the Year
1989	92498	92846	72791
1990	85461	75605	82647
1991	84116	74895 (includes 34 restored cases)	91902

(b) The judge strength has been increased from time to time. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects like Jurisdictional and procedural modifications improvements in the Judiciary, improvements in infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipments in Courts and in day to day working of the Courts, giving priority to old cases, etc., have been commended to all concerned! State Govemments|High Courts including the Andhra Pradesh High Court for necessary follow-up action.

Lok Adalats in Andhra Pradesh

2620. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats held in Andhra Pradesh so far;

(b) the number of cases settled by Lok Adalats there;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the categories of cases to be heard by Lok Adalats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per information available, 128 Lok Adalats have been organised in Andhra Pradesh as On 1-6-1992, where 1,83,549 cases were settled.

(c) to (e) Initially, civil, revenue and criminal disputes which are com-poundable, were being taken up by the Lok Adalats. Now, the Lok Adalats are also taking up Motor Accident Compensation Claims, muliation of land pattas, forest lands, bonded labour, land acquisition, mat-rimonial and family disputes, and bank loan cases.

Claims from M|s Nagrath Fire Brick and Potteries Private Limited

2621. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE- Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 31 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1992 and state:

(a) by when the claims would be invited from creditors of Ms. Nagrath